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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), applicant brings to the attention of the Examiner the document on the attached listing. This Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits for the above-referenced application after filing of a Request for Continued Examination in the above-referenced application.

Applicant submits the English translation of the Final Office Action, dated September 13, 2005, issued by the Japanese Patent Office in corresponding Japanese Patent Application No. 2003-274225. The art cited in the Japanese Final Office Action was previously submitted to the U.S. Patent Office in the Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement filed on October 7, 2005, and the relevance of the documents



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previous submission submitted on October 7, 2005, is disclosed in the enclosed English translation of the Final Office Action.

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